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Dear Dave:

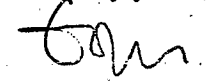
I don't know whether your staff is keeping you closely briefed on various drainage developments. The good news, based in part on the Bureau of Reclamation's commitment to an expanded public dialogue on the proposal, is that progress may be possible on one major drainage issue: interim use of the existing, already constructed, portion of the San Luis Drain by the Grasslands area drainers.

The bad news is that bureaucrats within various state government agencies seem to be preparing the ground for another attempt at completing the Drain to the Delta. This idea, from my point-of-view, should be a non-starter, at least for my lifetime, which I hope will still continue for a significant number of years.

The enclosed letter, signed by six members of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program Advisory Committee, states this position in more polite language.

I hope you, and the State and Regional Board leadership, will concur in this position. I would appreciate a response in which you state clearly what the State of California's position is, with respect to the completion of the Drain to the Delta.

Sincerely yours,


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